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SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President, I will talk about two things rather quickly. One, the merits of the bill, the bill is a dog, it really is and I think I pointed that out several times along the way. Now that we are done with the merits let's talk about the issue which is the real issue. The bill is total sucker bait. It is really sucker bait and who are going to be the suckers? Well we might as well blow it out straight. Yes, it is a nonpartisan Legislature but, yes, we have Republicans and Democrats and, yes, you lay things out for the future and J.J. was the master and I suspect the master somewhere in the vast behind the scenes stage is really kind of pulling some strings and calling some shots. Now what is the benefit?

SPEAKER NICHOL: Excuse me, Senator DeCamp, just a moment.

SENATOR DeCAMP: There is no. . . .

SENATOR HIGGINS: Mr. Chairman.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Higgins, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR HIGGINS: Point of order.

SPEAKER NICHOL: State your point.

SENATOR HIGGINS: I think we should speak to the subject at hand and not start a political campaign here.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Okay, you made your point, thank you.  
Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: I am speaking to the point at hand. The fact that Senator Marge Higgins has difficulty understanding the point or refusing to understand it is not my problem, that is hers. Mr. President. . . .

SPEAKER NICHOL: Excuse me, Senator DeCamp, we might stick to the subject. . . .

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President, I was interrupted by her on a point of order that was not a legitimate point of order. If you want to enforce points of order, I am willing.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Proceed.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Okay, this particular thing is going to harvest a whole new crop of people to start overriding vetoes and laying the foundation for saying, "We're irresponsible."